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Timely Tidbits ...

Congratulations, RHS Graduates!

Members of Romulus High School's Class of 2006 have a busy week ahead. After wrapping up their final exams on June 2, they will attend the Senior Prom on June 7 and the annual Senior Brunch on June 9, followed by Commencement on June 10.

The Class of 2006 features many outstanding scholars whose impressive academic achievements have been recognized with various awards and scholarship offers. For a complete list of class members, plus articles about this year's "best and brightest," see pages 7-14.

Rain Reschedules Citywide Yard Sale

Due to inclement weather during the original dates set for the annual Romulus Citywide Yard Sale, the event has been rescheduled to run through Sunday, June 4. Flyers listing the addresses of sale participants are available from the City's Parks and Recreation office, located on the northeast corner of Bibbins and Shook.

Blood Drive

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston) will host its annual Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, June 12, from 2 to 8 p.m. Appointments may be made by calling the church office (734-753-9048).

"Fellowship" Carnival

The Fellowship of Churches Carnival will be at the intersection of Wayne and Beverly roads the weekend of June 16-18. Ride-all-day wristbands will be available for \$12 in advance, or \$15 at the carnival. Hours will be 1 to 11 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, and 2 to 10:30 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information about this event, including advance purchase of wristbands, call Anthony Washington at 734-664-6371. □

Following \$3.1 Million in Budget Cuts, Schools Stress Importance of Community Support

Despite \$3.1 million in budget cuts recently approved by the Romulus Board of Education, the district's nationally recognized technology program, upgraded building and sports facilities, and award-winning education programs remain substantially intact ... for now. But officials are warning that if residents don't rally to support the district, dire consequences for the entire community will result.

"The future of the entire Romulus educational community will depend on Romulus residents understanding the current school financial environment in Michigan," says an "open letter" in *Perspective*, the district's official newspaper, which will arrive in residents' mailboxes in the coming week. "Residents will have to make important decisions to

help protect property values in Romulus and the jobs of over 350 residents who work for the Romulus Community Schools."

According to the letter – signed by superintendent Joel R. Carr and Board of Education president April Frayer – the district's budget woes stem from two major sources: inadequate per-pupil funding from the State, and declining enrollment.

"The Romulus Community Schools receive approximately \$8,500 for each student in the district. ... [Unfortunately, costs] will rise approximately \$400 per student next year, and the State is proposing only a \$200 increase in the student foundation grant."

Of the estimated \$400-per-student
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The Cuts ...

By making smaller cuts in a number of areas, rather than deep cuts in one or two programs, the Romulus Board of Education hopes to minimize the impact of the \$3.1 million budget reduction that it approved last week.

Among those cuts/reductions were:

- 7 "BA 1" teaching positions (\$423,850)
- 4 social worker positions (\$327,200)
- 3 speech therapist positions (\$292,896)
- 1 school nurse position (\$96,700)
- 1 video tech and 5 media tech positions (\$231,500)
- 4 secretary positions (\$207,000)
- various transportation changes (\$241,500)
- 7 lunch aide and 8 parent coordinator positions (\$69,464)
- 3 custodian positions (\$180,000)
- PR salary reduction (\$20,000)
- overtime/Sunday activities (\$100,000)
- athletics budget reduction (\$50,000)
- School Board stipends, professional development, & seminar expenses (\$25,000)

Superintendent Joel R. Carr believes that, despite the cutbacks, the Romulus Community Schools will still provide the best educational opportunities of any district in the area.

"We have an outstanding school system, and have won numerous awards over the past few years," he said. "We have one computer for every two children, outstanding facilities, and an arrangement with the Boys & Girls Club that provides child care until 8:30 each evening.

"Our neighbors, who cannot match our programs and facilities, continually try to pass bond programs, and are not successful," he added. □

City of Romulus Celebrates Flag Day



Romulus residents are invited to join in a Flag Day celebration on Wednesday, June 14. The program will begin at 5:30 p.m., when the Color Guard from Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9568, under the direction of Commander Williams, will raise a new flag at the Romulus Tower senior-citizen apartments (36500 Bibbins). At 6 p.m., attendees will move across the street to the new Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins), where the American flag and American service veterans will be honored. Among the special guests at the event will be "Betsy Ross" (six-year-old Madison Kusibab, left) and "Uncle Sam" (Sterling Hunter, age six). Light refreshments will be served. Although there is no cost to participate, advance sign-up is requested. (The first 75 people to register will receive a gift at the event.) For more information, call the Senior Center: 734-955-4120.

New Owners Bring New Life to Established Romulus Pizzeria

PIZZA

Items	Small	Med.	Large	XL
1. Cheese	3.30	5.40	6.40	7.70
2. Cheese	3.95	6.20	7.45	8.20
3. Cheese	4.60	7.00	8.50	10.70
4. Cheese	5.25	7.65	9.15	11.70
5. Cheese	5.90	8.30	9.80	12.40
6. Cheese	6.55	8.95	10.45	13.10
7. Cheese	7.20	9.60	11.10	13.80
8. Cheese	7.85	10.25	11.75	14.50
9. Cheese	8.50	10.90	12.40	15.20
10. Cheese	9.15	11.55	13.05	15.90
11. Cheese	9.80	12.20	13.70	16.60
12. Cheese	10.45	12.85	14.35	17.30
13. Cheese	11.10	13.50	15.00	18.00
14. Cheese	11.75	14.15	15.65	18.70
15. Cheese	12.40	14.80	16.30	19.40
16. Cheese	13.05	15.45	16.95	20.10
17. Cheese	13.70	16.10	17.60	20.80
18. Cheese	14.35	16.75	18.25	21.50
19. Cheese	15.00	17.40	18.90	22.20
20. Cheese	15.65	18.05	19.55	22.90
21. Cheese	16.30	18.70	20.20	23.60
22. Cheese	16.95	19.35	20.85	24.30
23. Cheese	17.60	20.00	21.50	25.00
24. Cheese	18.25	20.65	22.15	25.70
25. Cheese	18.90	21.30	22.80	26.40
26. Cheese	19.55	21.95	23.45	27.10
27. Cheese	20.20	22.60	24.10	27.80
28. Cheese	20.85	23.25	24.75	28.50
29. Cheese	21.50	23.90	25.40	29.20
30. Cheese	22.15	24.55	26.05	29.90
31. Cheese	22.80	25.20	26.70	30.60
32. Cheese	23.45	25.85	27.35	31.30
33. Cheese	24.10	26.50	28.00	32.00
34. Cheese	24.75	27.15	28.65	32.70
35. Cheese	25.40	27.80	29.30	33.40
36. Cheese	26.05	28.45	29.95	34.10
37. Cheese	26.70	29.10	30.60	34.80
38. Cheese	27.35	29.75	31.25	35.50
39. Cheese	28.00	30.40	31.90	36.20
40. Cheese	28.65	31.05	32.55	36.90
41. Cheese	29.30	31.70	33.20	37.60
42. Cheese	29.95	32.35	33.85	38.30
43. Cheese	30.60	33.00	34.50	39.00
44. Cheese	31.25	33.65	35.15	39.70
45. Cheese	31.90	34.30	35.80	40.40
46. Cheese	32.55	34.95	36.45	41.10
47. Cheese	33.20	35.60	37.10	41.80
48. Cheese	33.85	36.25	37.75	42.50
49. Cheese	34.50	36.90	38.40	43.20
50. Cheese	35.15	37.55	39.05	43.90
51. Cheese	35.80	38.20	39.70	44.60
52. Cheese	36.45	38.85	40.35	45.30
53. Cheese	37.10	39.50	41.00	46.00
54. Cheese	37.75	40.15	41.65	46.70
55. Cheese	38.40	40.80	42.30	47.40
56. Cheese	39.05	41.45	42.95	48.10
57. Cheese	39.70	42.10	43.60	48.80
58. Cheese	40.35	42.75	44.25	49.50
59. Cheese	41.00	43.40	44.90	50.20
60. Cheese	41.65	44.05	45.55	50.90
61. Cheese	42.30	44.70	46.20	51.60
62. Cheese	42.95	45.35	46.85	52.30
63. Cheese	43.60	46.00	47.50	53.00
64. Cheese	44.25	46.65	48.15	53.70
65. Cheese	44.90	47.30	48.80	54.40
66. Cheese	45.55	47.95	49.45	55.10
67. Cheese	46.20	48.60	50.10	55.80
68. Cheese	46.85	49.25	50.75	56.50
69. Cheese	47.50	49.90	51.40	57.20
70. Cheese	48.15	50.55	52.05	57.90
71. Cheese	48.80	51.20	52.70	58.60
72. Cheese	49.45	51.85	53.35	59.30
73. Cheese	50.10	52.50	54.00	60.00
74. Cheese	50.75	53.15	54.65	60.70
75. Cheese	51.40	53.80	55.30	61.40
76. Cheese	52.05	54.45	55.95	62.10
77. Cheese	52.70	55.10	56.60	62.80
78. Cheese	53.35	55.75	57.25	63.50
79. Cheese	54.00	56.40	57.90	64.20
80. Cheese	54.65	57.05	58.55	64.90
81. Cheese	55.30	57.70	59.20	65.60
82. Cheese	55.95	58.35	59.85	66.30
83. Cheese	56.60	59.00	60.50	67.00
84. Cheese	57.25	59.65	61.15	67.70
85. Cheese	57.90	60.30	61.80	68.40
86. Cheese	58.55	60.95	62.45	69.10
87. Cheese	59.20	61.60	63.10	69.80
88. Cheese	59.85	62.25	63.75	70.50
89. Cheese	60.50	62.90	64.40	71.20
90. Cheese	61.15	63.55	65.05	71.90
91. Cheese	61.80	64.20	65.70	72.60
92. Cheese	62.45	64.85	66.35	73.30
93. Cheese	63.10	65.50	67.00	74.00
94. Cheese	63.75	66.15	67.65	74.70
95. Cheese	64.40	66.80	68.30	75.40
96. Cheese	65.05	67.45	68.95	76.10
97. Cheese	65.70	68.10	69.60	76.80
98. Cheese	66.35	68.75	70.25	77.50
99. Cheese	67.00	69.40	70.90	78.20
100. Cheese	67.65	70.05	71.55	78.90
101. Cheese	68.30	70.70	72.20	79.60
102. Cheese	68.95	71.35	72.85	80.30
103. Cheese	69.60	72.00	73.50	81.00
104. Cheese	70.25	72.65	74.15	81.70
105. Cheese	70.90	73.30	74.80	82.40
106. Cheese	71.55	73.95	75.45	83.10
107. Cheese	72.20	74.60	76.10	83.80
108. Cheese	72.85	75.25	76.75	84.50
109. Cheese	73.50	75.90	77.40	85.20
110. Cheese	74.15	76.55	78.05	85.90
111. Cheese	74.80	77.20	78.70	86.60
112. Cheese	75.45	77.85	79.35	87.30
113. Cheese	76.10	78.50	80.00	88.00
114. Cheese	76.75	79.15	80.65	88.70
115. Cheese	77.40	79.80	81.30	89.40
116. Cheese	78.05	80.45	81.95	90.10
117. Cheese	78.70	81.10	82.60	90.80
118. Cheese	79.35	81.75	83.25	91.50
119. Cheese	80.00	82.40	83.90	92.20
120. Cheese	80.65	83.05	84.55	92.90
121. Cheese	81.30	83.70	85.20	93.60
122. Cheese	81.95	84.35	85.85	94.30
123. Cheese	82.60	85.00	86.50	95.00
124. Cheese	83.25	85.65	87.15	95.70
125. Cheese	83.90	86.30	87.80	96.40
126. Cheese	84.55	86.95	88.45	97.10
127. Cheese	85.20	87.60	89.10	97.80
128. Cheese	85.85	88.25	89.75	98.50
129. Cheese	86.50	88.90	90.40	99.20
130. Cheese	87.15	89.55	91.05	99.90
131. Cheese	87.80	90.20	91.70	100.60
132. Cheese	88.45	90.85	92.35	101.30
133. Cheese	89.10	91.50	93.00	102.00
134. Cheese	89.75	92.15	93.65	102.70
135. Cheese	90.40	92.80	94.30	103.40
136. Cheese	91.05	93.45	94.95	104.10
137. Cheese	91.70	94.10	95.60	104.80
138. Cheese	92.35	94.75	96.25	105.50
139. Cheese	93.00	95.40	96.90	106.20
140. Cheese	93.65	96.05	97.55	106.90
141. Cheese	94.30	96.70	98.20	107.60
142. Cheese	94.95	97.35	98.85	108.30
143. Cheese	95.60	98.00	99.50	109.00
144. Cheese	96.25	98.65	100.15	109.70
145. Cheese	96.90	99.30	100.80	110.40
146. Cheese	97.55	99.95	101.45	111.10
147. Cheese	98.20	100.60	102.10	111.80
148. Cheese	98.85	101.25	102.75	112.50
149. Cheese	99.50	101.90	103.40	113.20
150. Cheese	100.15	102.55	104.05	113.90
151. Cheese	100.80	103.20	104.70	114.60
152. Cheese	101.45	103.85	105.35	115.30
153. Cheese	102.10	104.50	106.00	116.00
154. Cheese	102.75	105.15	106.65	116.70
155. Cheese	103.40	105.80	107.30	117.40
156. Cheese	104.05	106.45	107.95	118.10
157. Cheese	104.70	107.10	108.60	118.80
158. Cheese	105.35	107.75	109.25	119.50
159. Cheese	106.00	108.40	109.90	120.20
160. Cheese	106.65	109.05	110.55	120.90
161. Cheese	107.30	109.70	111.20	121.60
162. Cheese	107.95	110.35	111.85	122.30
163. Cheese	108.60	111.00	112.50	123.00
164. Cheese	109.25	111.65	113.15	123.70
165. Cheese	109.90	112.30	113.80	124.40
166. Cheese	110.55	112.95	114.45	125.10
167. Cheese	111.20	113.60	115.10	125.80
168. Cheese	111.85	114.25	115.75	126.50
169. Cheese	112.50	114.90	116.40	127.20
170. Cheese	113.15	115.55	117.05	127.90
171. Cheese	113.80	116.20	117.70	128.60
172. Cheese	114.45	116.85	118.35	129.30
173. Cheese	115.10	117.50	119.00	130.00
174. Cheese	115.75	118.15	119.65	130.70
175. Cheese	116.40	118.80	120.30	131.40
176. Cheese	117.05	119.45	120.95	132.10
177. Cheese	117.70	120.10	121.60	132.80
178. Cheese	118.35	120.75	122.25	133.50
179. Cheese	119.00	121.40	122.90	134.20
180. Cheese	119.65	122.05	123.55	134.90
181. Cheese	120.30	122.70	124.20	135.60
182. Cheese	120.95	123.35	124.85	136.30
183. Cheese	121.60	124.00	125.50	137.00
184. Cheese	122.25	124.65	126.15	137.70
185. Cheese	122.90	125.30	126.80	138.40
186. Cheese	123.55	125.95	127.45	139.10
187. Cheese	124.20	126.60	128.10	139.80
188. Cheese	124.85	127.25	128.75	140.50
189. Cheese	125.50	127.90	129.40	141.20
190. Cheese	126.15	128.55	130.05	141.90
191. Cheese	126.80	129.20	130.70	142.60
192. Cheese	127.45	129.85	131.35	143.30
193. Cheese	128.10	130.50	132.00	144.00
194. Cheese	128.75			

The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Michael Smith for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity from Sunday, May 14, through Sunday, May 21.

(Information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.)

Sunday, May 14

- 1:05 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (B&E)
(block of 28800 Leroy)
- 3:36 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 8800 Wickham)
- 4:41 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 29300 Airport Dr.)
- 6:01 a.m. – Property Damage/
Malicious Destruction of Property
(PD/MDOP)
(block of 6320 Carnegie)
- 6:13 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 8230 Merriman)
- 10:38 a.m. – Recovered UDAA
(Unlawful Driving Away of an
Automobile)
(block of 9090 Wickham)
- 11:21 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 35000 Beverly)
- 11:51 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 11300 Hunt)
- 11:58 a.m. – UDAA
(block of 8420 Wahrman)
- 2:10 p.m. – Assault & Battery
(A&B)
(block of 9490 Tobine)
- 2:44 p.m. – B&E
(block of 38600 Superior)
- 3:57 p.m. – Felonious Assault
(block of 15000 Middlebelt)
- 5:44 p.m. – Fight
(block of 15000 Brandt)
- 6:46 p.m. – Robbery
(block of 15000 Pond Way)
- 10:38 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 15000 Knoll Way)

Monday, May 15

- 12:42 a.m. – Felonious Assault
(block of 15000 Brandt)
- 3:26 a.m. – UDAA
(block of 31400 Ecorse)
- 10:12 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 35800 Van Born)
- 11:47 a.m. – Panic Alarm
(block of 6150 Colorado)
- 1:22 p.m. – Missing Person
(block of 37300 Wick)
- 2:19 p.m. – UDAA
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:38 p.m. – Fight
(block of 34900 Hearst)
- 5:53 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 7010 El Paso)
- 6:01 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 12000 Craig)

- 6:21 p.m. – Off-road Vehicle
(ORV) Complaint
(block of 13300 Cogswell)
- 8:41 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 30200 Jamestown)
- 9:01 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation
(block of 35000 Park Place)
- 9:17 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 35500 Stephanie)
- 10:38 p.m. – A&B
(block of 5900 Esther)

Tuesday, May 16

- 2:21 a.m. – Operating Under the
Influence of Liquor (OUIL)
(block of 28700 Halecreek)
- 5:11 a.m. – A&B
(block of 9200 Middlebelt)
- 10:47 a.m. – A&B
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:31 a.m. – Rescue
(block of 9440 Biddle)
- 11:55 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 13200 Homefield)
- 5:29 p.m. – Harassment
Complaint
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:22 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 34400 Beverly)
- 9:49 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation
(block of 7210 Merriman)
- 11:06 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle
(block of 7100 Homefield)
- 11:52 p.m. – Juvenile Complaint/
Runaway (JC/R)
(block of 11200 Wahrman)

Wednesday, May 17

- 1:17 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 16300 Inkster)
- 7:59 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 15400 Taft)
- 8:16 a.m. – Robbery
(block of 37400 Ecorse)
- 2:48 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 28700 Northline)
- 3:09 p.m. – Fight
(block of 15300 Colbert)
- 3:17 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 27400 Eureka)
- 4:19 p.m. – Fight
(block of 15300 Colbert)
- 4:57 p.m. – Fight
(block of 15300 Colbert)
- 5:56 p.m. – Fraud Complaint
(block of 38700 Tempe)
- 6:25 p.m. – Fight
(block of 15300 Colbert)
- 7:16 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 36900 Goddard)
- 7:20 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 15300 Colbert)
- 7:23 p.m. – Man with a Weapon
(block of 15900 Colbert)
- 7:59 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(reported at RPD headquarters)

- 9:29 p.m. – ORV Complaint
(block of 15900 Isabelle)

Thursday, May 18

- 2:22 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 6240 Edmund)
- 7:41 a.m. – UDAA
(block of 32800 Augusta Ct.)
- 8:59 a.m. – JC/R
(block of 36900 Wick)
- 11:18 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 34900 Michele)
- 11:23 a.m. – A&B
(block of 35400 Beverly)
- 12:17 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:08 p.m. – Fight
(block of 15300 Colbert)
- 6:58 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 15700 Orchard)
- 9:50 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 12000 Craig)
- 11:04 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 28200 Bonanza)

Friday, May 19

- 2:43 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)
- 8:11 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 27600 Hildebrandt)

- 9:05 a.m. – B&E
(block of 6270 Inverness)
- 10:30 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:46 a.m. – JC/R
(block of 9650 Wayne)
- 1:47 p.m. – Missing Person
(block of 11200 Wahrman)
- 2:02 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle
(block of 18400 Middlebelt)
- 3:55 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 35300 Eureka)
- 4:50 p.m. – Threats
(block of 28900 Goddard)
- 8:24 p.m. – A&B
(block of 28500 S. Maple)
- 8:31 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation
(block of 8490 Wayne)

Saturday, May 20

- 2:33 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)
- 9:17 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 39300 Superior)
- 11:53 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 7020 Niagara)
- 12:37 p.m. – Rescue
(block of 6010 E. Maple)

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The Police Blotter

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- 12:42 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 9510 Michael)
- 5:32 p.m. – JC/R (block of 36900 Wick)
- 10:45 p.m. – JC/R (block of 6140 Second)
- 10:58 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 34700 Wick)

Sunday, May 21

- 12:21 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 34800 Lynn)
- 3:08 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 28400 Halecreek)
- 9:20 a.m. – B&E (block of 8400 Wayne)
- 12:11 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 5840 Merriman)

- 1:56 p.m. – JC/R (block of 37400 Wick)
- 2:14 p.m. – Threats (block of 16400 Middlebelt)
- 3:02 p.m. – UDAA (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 3:57 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 6750 Merriman)
- 7:04 p.m. – Rescue (block of 15000 Brookway)
- 7:06 p.m. – Fight (block of 28500 S. Maple)
- 7:16 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 6550 Ball)
- 8:27 p.m. – Fight (block of 9540 Biddle) □



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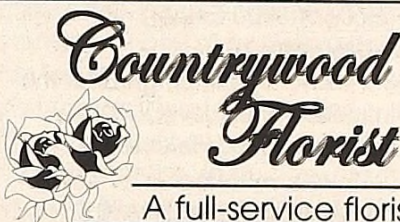


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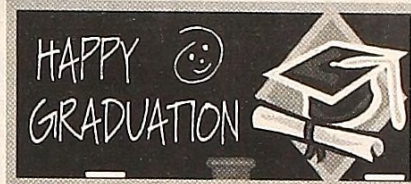
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Romulus School District's Seven Awards Lead RESA Program

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"The RESA program honors outstanding educators and members of the educational community in the presence of their families, friends, and peers for their exceptional achievements and dedication to public education," explained Romulus Community Schools spokesperson Dick Kruse.

Dr. Marlene Davis, RESA superin-

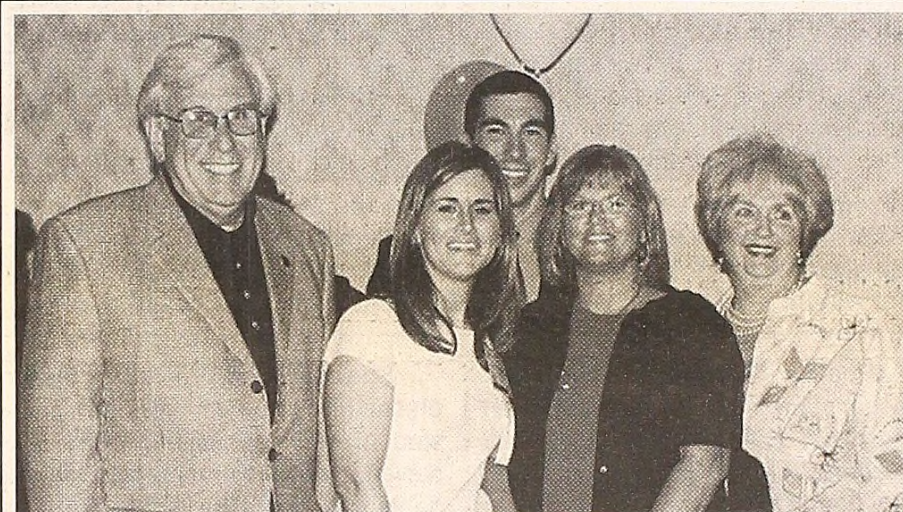
tendent, congratulated the award winners from each of the 34 Wayne County school districts. The seven winners from the Romulus Community Schools were:

- Marilyn Wood, kindergarten teacher, Wick Elementary School – Elementary Teacher of the Year;
- Linda Poirier, Spanish teacher, Romulus High School – High School Teacher of the Year finalist;
- Dan McCabe, social-studies teacher, Romulus Middle School – Middle School Teacher of the Year finalist;
- Irene Sandusky, paraprofessional, Cory Elementary School – Support Staff honoree;
- Gretchen Notaro, learning specialist, Romulus Elementary School – Ancillary Professional Staff honoree;
- Karen Terwilliger, third-grade teacher, Merriman Elementary School – Rookie Teacher of the Year finalist;
- Alberta Garrett, media specialist, Romulus High School – Integration of Technology to Improve Student Performance winner.

"We continue to be impressed with the number of our staff members who distinguish themselves by winning a wide variety of educational awards," said Romulus superintendent Joel R. Carr. "They are an example of the dedication and excellence that our teachers bring to their jobs." □



Among the award winners and supporters at the RESA Excellence in Education program were: (from left) front – Romulus Board of Education trustee Betty Lenossi, trustee Cheryle Buckley, and Alberta Garrett (Integration of Technology Award winner); back – Board trustee Thomas Kuderik, Pam Boyd, John Wood, Marilyn Wood (Elementary Teacher of the Year), Lenora Robson, Romulus Curriculum Department director Tom Dolan, Diane Courtney, Denise Kelsey, Irene Sandusky (Support Staff Award winner), and Shirley Vaughn.



(From left) Romulus Community Schools superintendent Joel R. Carr greeted Rookie Teacher of the Year finalist Karen Terwilliger and her husband Ryan. Merriman Elementary principal Shellie Moore and Administrative Office executive secretary Carole Bales are also pictured. (Not pictured: Linda Poirier, Dan McCabe, and Gretchen Notaro.)



Among the district administrators who supported the Romulus award winners were: (from left) Shellie Moore, principal, Merriman Elementary School; Jeffery Royal, Special Services director; Debbie Juriga, principal, Wick Elementary School; and Dorothy West, principal, Cory Elementary School.

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Canton Sam's Club Honors Barth's Amanda Shattuck



(From left) Barth third-grade teacher Amanda Shattuck – pictured with Sam's Club business manager Debra McReynolds – was presented with an award certificate, commemorative T-shirt, and \$1,000 check for Barth for winning the Canton Sam's Club Teacher of the Year Award.

Amanda Shattuck, a third-grade teacher at Barth Elementary, has been recognized as the Canton Sam's Club Teacher of the Year. She was honored in a recent ceremony which was held in her classroom in front of all her students.

Sam's Club business manager Debra McReynolds presided over the award ceremony. She presented Shattuck with an award certificate, a Sam's Club commemorative T-shirt, and a \$1,000 check for Barth in honor of her selection.

"We had a big school house in our Canton Sam's Club store," said McReynolds. "Students could nominate their favorite teacher by inserting a recommendation letter in a special slot."

She continued, "The things that impressed us the most were how many student recommendations Shattuck received, and how enthusiastic her students were about the way she explains her lessons and how she teaches her class."

"We also talked to the principals of our contestants, and Barth principal Diane Golka was very complimentary about Shattuck's dedication to her students and her profession."

"We are very happy to present the Canton Sam's Club Teacher of the Year to Amanda Shattuck, and we know that she will put our \$1,000 award to good use," McReynolds concluded. □

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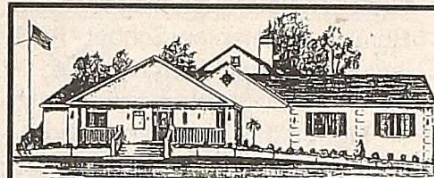
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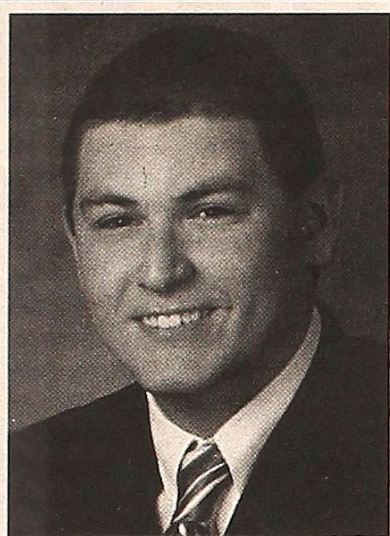
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Valedictorian, Salutatorian Announced



Jonathan McLachlan

Congratulations to Romulus High School seniors Jonathan McLachlan and Carla Anderson, who have been named the Class of 2006 valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

Jonathan McLachlan

McLachlan, who has a four-year cumulative grade point average of 4.0600, plans to study pharmaceutical science at the University of Toledo, where he has been awarded more than \$47,000 in scholarships. Other scholarships include \$1,000 from the Romulus Rotary and \$750 from the Romulus Education Association, as well as out-of-state Michigan Merit and Michigan Competitive awards.

Further scholarship opportunities came from Wayne State University, which offered him a full-tuition award, and from Eastern Michigan University.

During his RHS career, McLachlan was active in a number of extracurricular groups, including Class Council, the National Honor Society, the Quiz Bowl Team, and the Drama Club. He was also a percussionist in the award-winning RHS Marching Eagles, Pep, and Symphonic bands.

McLachlan – whose younger brother, Ryan, is currently a freshman at RHS – is the son of Robert and



Carla Anderson

Theresa McLachlan. His hobbies include reading and spending time in cyberspace.

Carla Anderson

Anderson, who maintained a four-year cumulative GPA of 3.9777, plans to pursue her education in pre-med and ancient studies at the University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, where she has been awarded \$9,000 in academic-excellence scholarships and grants. Other scholarships include a Michigan Merit Award (\$2,500) and a Michigan Competitive Award (\$1,000).

Additional scholarship opportunities came from Grand Valley State University, which offered a full-tuition award, and from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

During her RHS career, Anderson was active in several extracurricular groups, including the National Honor Society, the Quiz Bowl Team, and the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. She was also a saxophonist in the award-winning RHS Marching Eagles, Pep, Jazz, and Symphonic bands.

Anderson – the daughter of Theda Anderson – enjoys reading, swimming, photography, scrapbooking, and attending church activities. □

Annual RHS Awards Night Honors Best of Class of 2006

Principal Dan Hurst welcomed more than 380 students and guests to Romulus High School's annual Awards Night program, held May 17, to honor the best and brightest from the Class of 2006. Board of Education members, district administrators, and many district staff members also attended this memorable occasion.

Hurst said he was proud of this year's senior class, which included 18 students who achieved a four-year Principal's Honor Roll grade point average of 3.5 or higher, and an additional 39 who maintained a four-year Honor Roll GPA of 3.0 or above. He was also particularly impressed by the fact that, collectively, the class has already garnered \$1.1 million in scholarship offers.

"We know that our students will continue to earn more scholarships in June, and we look forward to increasing the final total by several hundred thousand dollars," he said.

Among those whose academic excellence earned them money to further their education were the 46 students who qualified for a \$2,500 Michigan Merit Scholarship due to their performance on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), and the 14 Michigan Competitive Award recipients who were recognized for achieving excellent scores on the American College Test (ACT).

A number of community groups, businesses, and individuals donated well over \$30,000 in scholarships to help students with their post-secondary educational expenses. Among those acknowledged for their generosity were Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Public Service Credit Union, Romulus Arts Council, Romulus Association of School Administrators, Romulus Athletic Boosters, Romulus Education Association, Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force, Romulus Rotary, Special Tree, and Wal-Mart. Also thanked were donors for scholarships in memory of Lorena Burton, Flora Dozier, Ray Kroc, Mikey Markus, and Aaron Tigner. (For photos of local scholarship recipients, see pages 10–11.)

Other honors that were bestowed during the program included various departmental awards, which were presented by RHS staff members who recognized outstanding students in their respective disciplines.

The delicious Awards Night dinner was prepared by the RHS Culinary Arts Department under the direction of Charles Usztics (named national Culinary Arts Teacher of the Year in 2005) and his assistant, Angelica Richardson.

RHS Class of 2006 award recipients included:

Presidential Awards for Educational Excellence

- Megan Bearman
- Adam DeLay
- Doloris Garry
- Jennifer Lammers
- Jonathan McLachlan
- Ashley Moss
- Patricia Silvey
- Megan Whalen
- Jessica Workman

Presidential Awards for Educational Achievement

- Carla Anderson
- Samantha Arnett-Butscher
- Lindsay Beregsasy
- Bradley Bills
- Ayibitari Burutolu
- Brittney Garrison
- Courtney MacDougall
- Tiffani McCloud
- Amanda Nowicki

Phi Beta Kappa Awards for Academic Achievement

- Carla Anderson
- Megan Bearman
- Lindsay Beregsasy
- Bradley Bills
- Ayibitari Burutolu
- Adam DeLay
- Jennifer Lammers
- Tiffani McCloud
- Jonathan McLachlan
- Ashley Moss

Academic Honors Awards

Note: These students maintained a four-year grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

- Carla Anderson
- Kathryn Appel
- Samantha Arnett-Butscher
- Ashley Austin
- Megan Bearman
- Lindsay Beregsasy
- Bradley Bills
- Merrika Brown
- Ayibitari Burutolu
- Joshua Carroll
- Ronald Carter
- Carmen Coleman
- Katrina Cutliff
- Adam DeLay
- Brian DeMoisey
- Katrell Duncan
- Jason Elwell
- Jessica Fox
- Brittney Garrison
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RHS Awards Night



Dignitaries attending the annual Awards Night program included: (from left) front – Board of Education trustees Betty Lenossi and Cheryle Buckley, secretary Kenneth Mientkiewicz, and trustee Thomas Kuderik; back – vice-president Celeste Roscoe, Curriculum Department director Thomas Dolan, superintendent Joel R. Carr, Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church), Romulus High School principal Dan Hurst, and RHS Guidance Department head Florence Satterlee.



Among those who were recognized on Awards Night were the top 10 students from the Class of 2006: (from left) front – Ashley Moss (fifth; 3.8610 grade point average), Bradley Bills (fourth; 3.8900), Doloris Garry (tenth; 3.7570), Ayibatari Burutolu (seventh; 3.8511), and salutatorian Carla Anderson (3.9777); back – valedictorian Jonathan McLachlan (4.0600), Adam DeLay (ninth; 3.7887), Megan Bearman (sixth; 3.8567), Jennifer Lammers (third; 3.9180), and Amanda Nowicki (eighth; 3.8252).



(From left) Ron Hopson, representing the Romulus Rotary Club, presented scholarships to Mary Stewart (\$500), Amber Gondek (\$500), Jonathan McLachlan (\$1,000), Jennifer Lammers (\$1,000), Megan Whalen (\$1,000), and Amanda Nowicki (\$1,000).



Reverend William Kren (center) of Community United Methodist Church presented scholarships from the Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force to (from left) Jessica Workman (\$500), LaTara Steele (\$500), Nedra Harris (\$500), and Patricia Williams (\$500).



Sue Markus (second from left) presented the \$500 Mikey Markus Memorial Scholarship to Brian Thiede (left). The \$1,000 Aaron Tigner Memorial Scholarship was presented to Mary Stewart (second from right) by Winifred Wafer.



Megan Whalen (center) was the recipient of the four-year/\$10,000 Lorena Burton Memorial Scholarship (presented by Kary Lovette, left) and the \$500 Ray Kroc Memorial Scholarship (presented by Romulus High School counselor Liza Mockeridge).

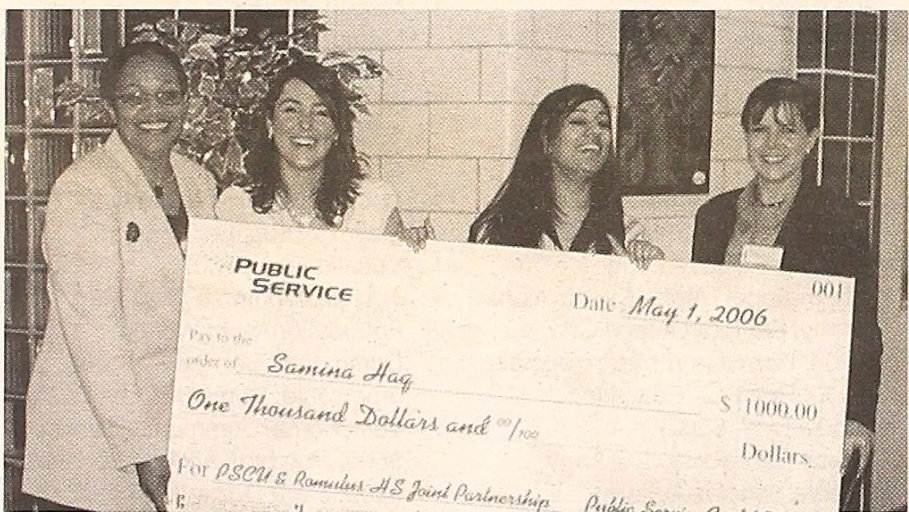
RHS Awards Night



Romulus Athletic Boosters Club president Ron Dick (left) and Romulus Board of Education trustee Cheryle Buckley (right) presented Boosters Club scholarships to (from left) Brian DeMoisey (\$500), Justin Maupin (\$250), Brittney Garrison (\$250), Ashlee Wells (\$250), Kathryn Appel (\$500), Megan Whalen (\$250), and Jessica Workman (\$250).



(From left) Romulus High School counselor LaToya Shackelford presented Kathryn Appel with a \$1,000 scholarship from the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority-Eta Iota Omega Chapter. Ashley Moss and Doloris Garry each received a \$750 scholarship, presented by RHS assistant principal Don Foley on behalf of the Romulus Association of School Administrators.



(From left) Romulus City Councilwoman Ellen Craig-Bragg presented a \$1,000 Romulus Arts Council scholarship to Jennifer Lammers. Samina Haq received the \$1,000 Public Service Credit Union scholarship from Julie Manski.



(From left) Alfaye Woods of Michigan Rehabilitative Services presented Timothy Reed with a full scholarship to the Michigan Career and Technical Institute. Nadine Palazzolo and Venus Marshall presented Jonathan Rafalski with a \$36,000 full-ride scholarship to ITT Technical Institute.



(From left) Rebecca Plenchette presented a \$750 Special Tree scholarship to Tiffany Motsch. Lindsay Beregsasy and Justin Maupin received U.S. Army Reserve Scholar-Athlete awards from Staff Sergeant Derryc Jarmar.



Romulus High School math teacher Kathy Abdo (center) presented \$500 Romulus Education Association scholarships to Kathryn Appel and Jonathan McLachlan.

RHS Awards Night Honors Best of Class of 2006

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- Michael Hudson
 - Sara Hurt
 - Shannon Kowalski
 - Jennifer Lammers
 - Erica Linton
 - Courtney MacDougall
 - Justin Maupin
 - Tiffani McCloud
 - Krystle McKay
 - Jonathan McLachlan
 - Joy McWilliams
 - Ashley Moss
 - Tiffany Motsch
 - Chrisma Nathaniel
 - Amanda Nowicki
 - Jonathan Rafalski
 - Anisa Rakic
 - Timothy Reed
 - Cecily Ricer
 - Joshua Rivera
 - Thomas Rutherford
 - Patricia Silvey
 - Mary Stewart
 - Dennis Suiter
 - Ashlee Wells
 - Megan Whalen
 - Patricia Williams
 - Jessica Workman
- Departmental Awards**
- Carla Anderson (band; government; Spanish)
 - Kathryn Appel (physical education)
 - Samantha Arnett-Butscher (band; psychology)
 - Katherine Banks (work-based learning)
 - Megan Bearman (outstanding senior project)
 - Lindsay Beregsasy (physical education)
 - Bradley Bills (outstanding senior project)
 - Tondra Bland (life management)
 - Ayibatari Burutolu (chemistry; work-based learning)
 - Joshua Carroll (business; outstanding senior project)
 - Ronald Carter (health occupations)
 - Carmen Coleman (work-based learning)
 - Benjamin DeFelice (art)
 - Adam DeLay (band)
 - Jason Elwell (auto tech)
 - Brittney Garrison (art)
 - Doloris Garry (student government)
 - Carl Gillespie (work-based learning)
 - Brittany Hampton (choir)
 - Nedra Harris (hospitality & food service)
 - Amanda Hollis (marketing; work-based learning)
 - Ashley Horyn (accounting)
 - Sara Hurt (French; science)
 - Dawan Jackson (outstanding senior project)
 - Jennifer Lammers (creative writing; English; outstanding senior project)
 - Erica Linton (work-based learning)
- Courtney MacDougall (physics)
 - Tiffani McCloud (health occupations)
 - Monet McCroan (band)
 - Krystle McKay (art)
 - Jonathan McLachlan (band; biology; calculus; social studies)
 - Jessica Moore (yearbook)
 - Ashley Moss (work-based learning)
 - Tiffany Motsch (health occupations)
 - Chrisma Nathaniel (choir)
 - Michelle Oliver (art)
 - Eric Poet (robotics)
 - Jonathan Rafalski (CAD)
 - Anisa Rakic (marketing)
 - Timothy Reed (mathematics)
 - Cecily Ricer (band)
 - Thomas Rutherford (band)
 - Jessica Sears (band)
 - Patricia Silvey (work-based learning)
 - Krista Smith (art)
 - LaTara Steele (dance)
 - Siera Stewart (hospitality & food service)
 - Dennis Suiter (physical education)
 - Ileana Usztics (work-based learning)
 - Roger Wade (art)
 - Megan Whalen (work-based learning)
 - Patricia Williams (health occupations; outstanding senior project)
 - Quale Williams (work-based learning)
 - Robert Wilson (health occupations)
 - Dayna Woods (dance)
 - Jessica Workman (work-based learning)
- Michigan Competitive Scholarships (ACT-based Awards)**
- Carla Anderson
 - Megan Bearman
 - Landria Buckley
 - Adam DeLay
 - Brian DeMoisey
 - Doloris Garry
 - Carl Gillespie
 - Brittany Howard
 - Sara Hurt
 - Jennifer Lammers
 - Jonathan McLachlan
 - Ashley Moss
 - Jack Webb
 - Ashlee Wells
- Michigan Merit Scholarships (MEAP-based Awards)**
- Carla Anderson
 - Kathryn Appel
 - Samantha Arnett-Butscher
 - Katherine Banks
 - Megan Bearman
 - Lindsay Beregsasy
 - James Blanton
 - Jennifer Caloia
 - Carmen Coleman
 - Adam DeLay
 - Brian DeMoisey
- Jason Elwell
 - Bradley Garland
 - Doloris Garry
 - Carl Gillespie
 - Lindsay Green
 - Ryan Green
 - Timothy Griggs
 - Samina Haq
 - Kyle Hardoin
 - Jeanne Hayes
 - Brittany Howard
 - Sara Hurt
 - Shannon Kowalski
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 - Ileana Usztics
 - Jack Webb
 - Ashlee Wells
 - Megan Whalen
 - Patricia Williams
 - Jessica Workman
 - Lola Wynn
- Local Scholarships/Awards**
- Carla Anderson (Phi Beta Kappa Academic Achievement)
 - Kathryn Appel (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority/Eta Iota Omega Chapter – \$1,000; Romulus Athletic Boosters – \$500; Romulus Education Association – \$500)
 - Lindsay Beregsasy (US Army Reserve Scholar-Athlete)
 - Ayibatari Burutolu (Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Flora Dozier Memorial)
 - Brian DeMoisey (Romulus Athletic Boosters – \$500)
 - Brittney Garrison (Romulus Athletic Boosters – \$250)
 - Doloris Garry (Romulus Association of School Administrators – \$750; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority)
 - Amber Gondek (Romulus Rotary/Vocational – \$500)
 - Samina Haq (Public Service Credit Union – \$1,000)
 - Nedra Harris (Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force/Vocational – \$500)
 - Michael Hudson (Romulus Arts Council – \$1,000; Flora Dozier Memorial)
 - Jennifer Lammers (Romulus Arts Council – \$1,000; Romulus Rotary/Academic – \$1,000)
 - Justin Maupin (Romulus Athletic Boosters – \$250; US Army Reserve Scholar-Athlete)
- Krystle McKay (Daimler-Chrysler Corporation – \$5,000; Flora Dozier Memorial)
 - Jonathan McLachlan (Romulus Rotary/Academic – \$1,000; Romulus Education Association – \$500; "Brightest & Best")
 - Jessica Moore (Imagine America – \$1,000)
 - Ashley Moss (Romulus Association of School Administrators – \$750)
 - Tiffany Motsch (Special Tree – \$750)
 - Amanda Nowicki (Romulus Rotary/Vocational – \$1,000)
 - Timothy Reed (Department of Labor & Economic Growth/Michigan Rehabilitative Services)
 - LaTara Steele (Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force/Community Service – \$500)
 - Mary Stewart (Aaron Tigner Memorial – \$1,000; Romulus Rotary/Vocational – \$500)
 - Brian Thiede (Mikey Markus Memorial – \$500)
 - Ashlee Wells (Romulus Athletic Boosters – \$250)
 - Megan Whalen (Lorena Burton Memorial – \$10,000/four years; Romulus Rotary/Academic – \$1,000; Ray Kroc Memorial – \$500; Romulus Athletic Boosters – \$250)
 - Patricia Williams (Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force/Vocational – \$500)
 - Jessica Workman (Wal-Mart Foundation/Sam Walton Community Service – \$1,000, renewable; Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force/Community Service – \$500; Romulus Athletic Boosters – \$250; Flora Dozier Memorial)
- College/University Scholarships Awards (incomplete)**
- Kathryn Appel (Michigan Technological University Presidential Scholars Program Scholarship – \$1,000–\$8,000; Michigan State University)

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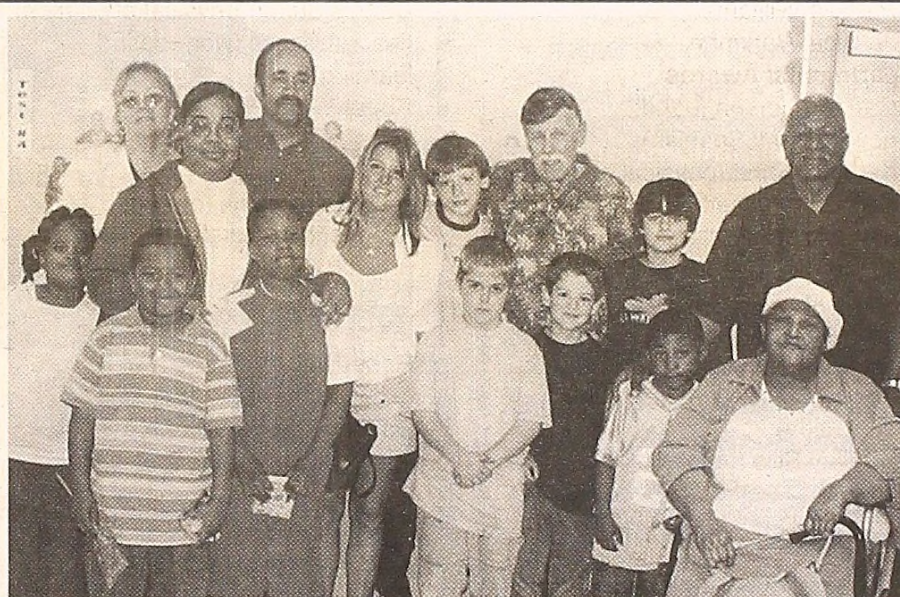
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- Megan Bearman (University of Michigan–Dearborn Chancellor's Scholarship – full tuition/\$26,800)
- Merrika Brown (Central State University Freshman Scholarship – \$3,000)
- Landria Buckley (Howard University Athletics Scholarship – full tuition/\$76,000)
- Ayibatari Burutolu (University of Minnesota National Scholarship – \$14,000/four years; University of Minnesota Presidential Scholarship – \$5,000/four years)
- Katrell Duncan (Eastern Michigan University Eagle Scholarship – \$4,800/four years)
- Brittney Garrison (Wayne State University Warrior Academic Scholarship – \$6,000)
- Doloris Garry (Alabama State University Academic Scholarship – full tuition, room, board, & books/\$50,464; Hampton University Merit Achievement Award – \$24,000/four years; University of Detroit Mercy Prestigious Academic Scholarship – \$12,500/four years; Wayne State University Richard H. Austin Accounting Excellence Scholarship – \$12,000/four years; Bowling Green State University Historical Under-represented Non-resident Scholarship – \$11,198/four years; BGSU Success Scholarship – \$3,654; BGSU Faculty Achievement Award – \$1,500; Norfolk State University Board of Visitors Scholarship – \$8,000/four years; Virginia State University Presidential Scholarship – \$7,000/four years; Kentucky State University Excellence Scholarship – \$5,066)
- Dean Gilbert (Northwood University Free Enterprise Scholarship – \$20,000)
- Carl Gillespie (Eastern Michigan University Eagle Scholarship – \$12,000/four years; Ferris State University Dean's Scholarship – \$12,000/four years)
- Lindsay Green (Eastern Michigan University Eagle Scholarship – \$4,800/four years)
- Ashley Horyn (Eastern Michigan University Eagle Scholarship – \$4,800/four years)
- Brittany Howard (University of Kentucky William C. Parker Scholarship – \$11,700; Central Michigan University Athletics Scholarship – \$10,530 + books, renewable; Western Michigan University Track & Field Scholarship – \$10,000 + books; Michigan State University Track & Field Scholarship – \$7,829.50, renewable)
- Sara Hurt (Albion College Briton Award – \$10,000, renewable)
- Shannon Kowalski (Eastern Michigan University Eagle Scholarship – \$4,800/four years)
- Jennifer Lammers (Albion College Presidential Scholarship – \$12,500, renewable; Albion College Gift Grant – \$5,800; Michigan Tuition Grant/Scholarship – \$2,000)
- Justin Maupin (Adrian College Dean's Scholar – \$24,000/four years)
- Jonathan McLachlan (University of Toledo Tower of Excellence Scholarship – \$29,912; UT National Rocket Award – \$17,624; Wayne State University Presidential Scholarship – full tuition/\$27,199; Eastern Michigan University Regents Scholarship – \$12,000/four years)
- Ashley Moss (Western Michigan University Dean's Scholarship – \$16,000/four years; University of Detroit Mercy Academic Scholarship – \$15,000, renewable; Eastern Michigan University Regents Scholarship – \$12,000/four years; Michigan State University Distinguished Freshman Achievement Scholarship – \$7,744, renewable; MSU Spartan Scholarship – \$2,000, renewable; Wayne State University Academic Scholarship – \$6,000/four years)
- Chrisma Nathaniel (Calvin College Emerson Scholarship – \$1,500)
- Jonathan Rafalski (ITT Technical Institute Scholarship – full ride/\$36,000)
- LaTara Steele (Lake Erie College Alumni Scholarship – \$4,000, renewable)
- Ashlee Wells (Kentucky State University Excellence Scholarship – \$36,000)
- Megan Whalen (Wayne State University Warrior Scholarship – \$1,500, renewable)
- Jessica Workman (Albion College Webster Scholarship – \$11,000, renewable; Aquinas College Presidential Leadership Scholarship – \$8,000, renewable) □

Grandparents' Day



Another successful Grandparents' Day at Cory Elementary had all school parking lots overflowing with visitors' cars. Among those who took part in the annual event were: (from left) front – Kayla Bryk, Jake Lazenby, and Cameron Barnes; back – Briana Bohannon, George Stubbs, Dennis Bryk, Carrie Bryk, Shala Riemke, Ronald Campbell, Linda Lazenby, Rudene Flennoy, and Fletcher Flennoy.



Also among the Cory Grandparents' Day participants were: (from left) front – Ayanna Bell, Alex Bell, Vaughn Crews, Tanner Ingram, Kyle Fick, Terrell Hughley, and Aretha Hughley; middle – Courtney Crews, Shelley Ingram, Martin Fick, Chad Fick, and Reverend Arvis Alexander; back – Carol Bell, Michael Bell, and Charles Crain.

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District's School-Community Committee Enjoys Fruitful Year



Among the parents and district officials who attended the final meeting of the School-Community Committee were: (from left) front – Danielle Funderburg (W), Lovell Wooden (C), George Stubs (C), Sissy Howard (C), and Gwen Payne (W); back – Reverend Rita Talley (C), principal Debbie Juriga (W), Janice Barden (C), principal Dorothy West (C), and Karensa Fitch (W). (C=Cory Elementary School; W=Wick Elementary School)



Additional attendees included: (from left) front – Bernice Wilson (MS), Levera Noel (MS), Penny Wegrzyn (MS), Bennice Ringo (MS), and Melanie Patterson (B); back – Board of Education secretary Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Carrie Helton (B), Theresa Beard (B), Pam Murphy and Dale Losher (B; Blue Sky Ice Cream and Hamburgers), and Glen Hensley (MS). (B=Barth Elementary School; MS=Middle School)



Also attending were: (from left) front – Wendy Diebel (H), Christy Gaddis (H), Monika Reynolds (H), Debra Hester (R), and Gretchen Notaro (R); back – Committee chairperson Phyllis Adkins, Kristen Fuss (H), Debra Jackson (R), Gloria Haywood (R), principal Lynne Mossoian (R), and Bobbie Allen. (H=Halecreek Elementary School; R=Romulus Elementary School)

Phyllis Adkins, chairperson of the Romulus school district's School-Community Committee, says she is very proud of her group's accomplishments over the past year.

According to Adkins, the committee made progress in a number of areas, especially parent involvement in the Romulus Community Schools. In 2005–2006, the amount of volunteer time donated by parents increased by 3,000 hours, bringing the year's total to 18,800 hours.

"We are extremely proud of the number of hours that our parent volunteers donated to the schools, and it is obvious that they enjoyed helping out," said Adkins. "Many volunteers have told me that they liked spending time with their children, and they also found it rewarding to renew acquaintances with former classmates."

Adkins additionally noted progress in the area of political advocacy, reporting that parents attended several legislative coffee sessions, rallies, and school functions attended by legislators. These events, she said, allowed parents to express their concerns about education to State Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood and State Senator Raymond Basham.

The Home Reading Program is an-

other program that has flourished, as parents throughout the district have strongly supported the "reading log" program.

"We felt that it was really important to stress reading in our schools," she explained.

The committee has also worked carefully with representatives of the 34th District Court to extend its "Day with a Judge" program to grades 7–12, and has striven to strengthen enforcement of Romulus's "Parent Responsibility" and "Minors Disturbing Public Places" ordinances.

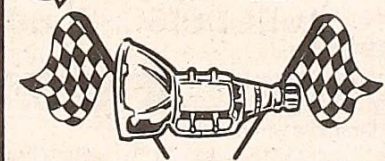
Yet another program that enjoys continued success is the Romulus Boys & Girls Club, which has a current membership of over 650 students. The nationally recognized program provides daily after-school child care until 8:30 p.m. for its Romulus members, who pay only a minimal fee.

A Hegira Family Night dinner that featured a variety of parenting breakout sessions was also among the committee's success stories.

Adkins said that her group concluded the year's activities with a special recognition program, during which each school's members were introduced and their positive parent activities were noted. □

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REGULAR MEETING, MAY 8, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, May 8, 2006, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President April Frayer.

Roll call showed members Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Administrators present were: Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations. Mr. Carl Weiss was also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Frayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

5/06/1 Moved by White, supported by Roscoe, to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

5/06/2 Moved by Lenossi, supported by Buckley, to convene in Executive Session. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, White, Roscoe, Frayer, and Mientkiewicz. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:03 p.m.

Mr. Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, entered the Regular Meeting.

5/06/3 Moved by Lenossi, supported by Kuderik, to reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, White, Roscoe, Frayer, and Mientkiewicz. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 6:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

5/06/4 Moved by Buckley, supported by Lenossi, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 24, 2006; the Special Meeting of April 25, 2006; and the Special Meeting of April 26, 2006, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following actions for Board approval.

RESIGNATION: Paquita Simmons, First-grade Teacher, Cory Elementary School, Effective May 5, 2006.

5/06/5 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

FYI: Lynne Mossoian, Principal, Romulus Elementary School, was awarded the position of Director of Special Education. This position is a 220-day contract, effective July 1, 2006. Mrs. Mossoian would fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Jeffery Royal.

Bills for Payment

5/06/6 Moved by Roscoe, supported by Buckley, to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mrs. Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Energy Conservation Presentation

Mr. Mike Bitar of Energy Education, Inc., appeared before the Board of Education with an energy conservation program for reducing energy costs for Romulus Community Schools. Also attended from Energy Education, Inc., was Mr. David Zuhlike.

Romulus Elementary Playground Equipment – Matching Funds

5/06/7 Moved by Kuderik, supported by Lenossi, that the Board of Education approve matching funds to purchase playground equipment at Romulus Elementary School. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Jill Covell – Boys & Girls Club

Ms. Jill Covell, Director of the Boys & Girls Club, along with Mr. John Juriga and Mrs. Pat Flodin, appeared before the Board of Education with an overview of after-school programs at Merriman Elementary School and Wick Elementary School.

Summer Conference and Competition of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America

5/06/8 Moved by Buckley, supported by Roscoe, that the Board of Education approve the Romulus Middle School and High School student and teacher groups attending the FCCLA meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, from July 9–13, 2006, at no cost to the school district. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Internet Access/E-mail Acceptable Use Policy and Wellness Adoption Policy

5/06/9 Move that the Board of Education adopt the Internet Access/E-mail Acceptable Use Policy for Staff and Wellness Policy, as presented by the Board of Education Policy Committee. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mr. Jason Salhaney, President of the Romulus Education Association, appeared before the Board of Education with concerns about assignment of coaches outside the bargaining unit. He stated that a grievance had been filed concerning selection of head coach outside bargaining unit.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board: 1) Climate Minutes; 2) RESA – The Planner; 3) Communication – Congratulations on Magna Award; 4) Communication – Department of Education – Theresa Blizman; 5) The Merriman Star; 6) RHS Parent Newsletter; 7) Thank You – Carl Weiss; 8) Halecreek Elementary School Newsletter; 9) WCASB – High School Graduation Requirements Workshop; and 10) Cory Elementary School Newsletter.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Cheryle Buckley congratulated Ms. Marilyn Wood, recipient of the Wayne County RESA Outstanding Elementary Teacher of the Year Award, and WCRESA finalists Mr. Daniel McCabe, Romulus Middle School teacher; Ms. Linda Poirier, Romulus High School teacher; Ms. Irene Sandusky, Cory Elementary School support staff/paraprofessional; and Gretchen Notaro, Romulus Elementary School ancillary professional staff/learning specialist.

Mrs. Celeste Roscoe thanked Mr. Dick Kruse, Director of Public Relations, for compiling an end-of-year event calendar.

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, reminded Board Members of the NCA debriefing at 1 p.m. on May 11, 2006, and spoke about Romulus Community High School receiving a state award in Bay City.

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz spoke about representative from Board for RESA budget. Mr. Mientkiewicz will attend the RESA meeting on May 10, 2006, on behalf of the Romulus Board of Education. Mr. Mientkiewicz further talked about Mrs. Theresa Blizman from Barth Elementary School being one of the finalists for Support Staff Person of the Year for the State of Michigan. Mr. Mientkiewicz will attend the presentation of awards in Lansing along with Mr. Kruse, Public Relations Director for the district.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

5/06/10 Moved by White, supported by Lenossi, that the Board of Education convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, White, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, and Frayer. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:23 p.m.

5/06/11 Moved by Buckley, supported by Lenossi, that the Board of Education reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, White, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, and Frayer. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 8:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

5/06/12 Moved by Lenossi, supported by White, that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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SPECIAL MEETING, MAY 10, 2006

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Wednesday, May 10, 2006, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice-president Celeste Roscoe.

Roll call showed members Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Member April Frayer was excused. Administrators present were: Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum; and Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations. Mr. Carl Weiss was also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-president Roscoe.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

5/06/13 Moved by White, supported by Mientkiewicz, to convene in Executive Session. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, White, Roscoe, and Mientkiewicz. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:31 p.m.

5/06/14 Moved by White, supported by Lenossi, to reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, White, Roscoe, and Mientkiewicz. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 8:01 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

5/06/15 Moved by White, supported by Buckley, to adjourn. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

Community Calendar

- **Preschool Storytime Time** – The Romulus Public Library's summer Preschool Story Time program – open to all children between the ages of 3 and 5 – begins later this month. Parents may choose between the Tuesday evening sessions, which will be held at 6:30 p.m. from June 13 through July 18, or the Thursday Morning sessions, which will be held at 10:30 a.m. from June 15 through July 20. Although the program is free, advance registration is required. For more information, call 734-942-7589.
- **Youth Summer Reading Program** – On June 5, the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) will begin accepting registrations for its free summer reading program, "Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales," which will explore the themes of wanting, choosing, and caring for a pet. Open to children in preschool through middle school, the program will feature story hours, prize drawings, and more. Kicking off the program at 1 p.m. on June 21 will be *Beasties Down Under* – an interactive program that will bring the sights, sounds, and smells of Australia to the library. For more information about this or other library programs, call 734-942-7589.
- **"Second Monday" Book Club** – Meetings of the Romulus Public Library's new Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, south of Goddard) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Advance registration is not required; just read the suggested book, then drop in. Copies of the suggested books will be available at the library, or library staff members can assist you in getting an interlibrary loan. Books planned for upcoming discussions include: *Chocolat* (fiction) by Joanne Harris (June 12); *Snow Falling on Cedars* (fiction) by David Guterson (July 10); and *Beasts of No Nation* (fiction) by Uzodinma Iweala (August 14). Call 734-942-7589 for info.
- **Historical Society Hosts Annual Flea Market** – The Romulus Historical Society's annual Flea Market – to be held in Romulus Historical Park (on Hunt Street, next to the post office) – is set for Saturday, June 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Food and refreshments will be available on site. Vendor spaces (\$15; must provide own table) are still available. For more information, call Gloria Chandler (734-941-2678).
- **"Wealth Management" Seminar** – Isom Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (23612 Sumpter Road, Belleville) will present Ellis Liddell – known to many as the host of the ELE Wealth Management radio show – on Saturday, June 24, at 11 a.m. Bring a friend and a love offering!
- **Youth Summer Camp** – The PEN Enrichment Community Center will offer a youth summer camp (ages 6 to 14) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Monday through Thursday from June 26 through August 17. Participants will enjoy fun and learning through programs like reading/math time, computer time, arts & crafts, mini sports camps, recreation activities, field trips, and substance-abuse awareness programs. Lunch will be provided. Cost for the eight-week program is just \$50 per child; discounts are available for families with three or more children. A limited number of scholarships are available for qualifying families. A nonrefundable registration fee of \$25 is due by June 19. For more information, please call Ms. Wilson (734-728-1273) or Reverend Willis (734-728-1390), or visit www.thepencenter.org.
- **Golfing Outing Benefits Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force** – Sign up now for the annual Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force Golf Outing, set for Friday, July 14, at the Gateway Golf Club (33250 Gateway Drive, Romulus). An 8 a.m. shotgun start will be followed by lunch at the turn and dinner. Cost is \$100 per golfer (\$50 for dinner only). For more information, call Marianna Tallent-Guzall at 734-955-4502.
- **Chamber Hosts Golf Outing** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Golf Outing fund-raiser on Thursday, August 24, at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course (39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne). Registration will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a continental breakfast and practice-range session; shotgun start time is 11 a.m. The event will conclude with a banquet/awards program at 4 p.m. Prize categories will include Hole-in-One (sponsored by Jack Demmer) and Closest-to-Pin; door prizes/raffles will also be featured. Cost is \$120 per player. Call Karen La Belle at the Chamber (734-326-4290) or David Goodwin (734-287-2400).
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SPECIAL MEETING, MAY 16, 2006

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Tuesday, May 16, 2006, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President April Frayer.

Roll call showed members Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Administrators present were: Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum; and Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations. Mr. Carl Weiss was also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Frayer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

5/06/16 Moved by Roscoe, supported by White, to convene in Executive Session. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, White, Roscoe, Frayer, and Mientkiewicz. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:06 p.m.

5/06/17 Moved by Buckley, supported by Kuderik, to reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, White, Roscoe, Frayer, and Mientkiewicz. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 7:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

5/06/18 Moved by Buckley, supported by Kuderik, to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education



Find the animals



Can you fill in the missing letters to make names of animals? Each dash represents a letter.

1. _ I G _ R
2. _ E _ _ A
3. H _ _ S _
4. _ O _ K _ _
5. G _ _ A _ F _
6. _ A _ G _ _ O _
7. E _ _ P _ A _
8. _ H E _ _ A _
9. D _ _ K _ Y
10. _ _ _ U

Answers

1. Tiger
2. Zebra
3. Horse
4. Monkey
5. Giraffe
6. Kangaroo
7. Elephant
8. Cheetah
9. Donkey
10. Gnu

Homes in the wild puzzler

Draw a line from the animal to its proper home and nesting site.

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|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Flamingo | A. Grass-lined burrow in the ground |
| 2. Weaver ant | B. Wood piled in water |
| 3. Prairie dog | C. A nest in the ground all winter |
| 4. Crayfish | D. Cups of mud |
| 5. Termite | E. Roofed burrows near water |
| 6. Chipmunk | F. Tall earth towers |
| 7. Beaver | G. Leaves and white silk |

1. D 2. G 3. A 4. E 5. F 6. C 7. B

Answers

Let's go to the circus!

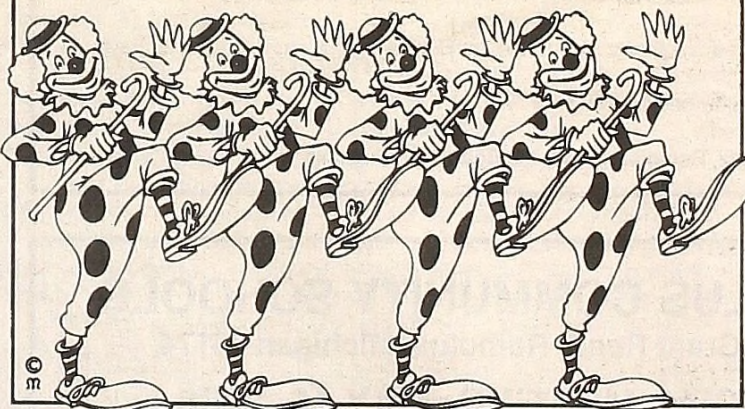
Going to the circus is a lot of fun. There are so many things going on at once. What's your favorite part of the circus? The interesting facts below may help you decide:

- Bears were the first wild animals to be trained to do tricks and perform circus shows. Others, like the beautiful white horses with plumes came later.

- The trotting horse performance is often called the "carrousel" or "merry-go-round" because the horses trot in a perfect circle around a ring.

- And, what about those enormous elephants? Where do they come from? Most arrive from India. The African elephants have larger ears, and are much fiercer, so it is easier to train Indian elephants.

Lions, tigers, seals, monkeys and camels are just a few of the many creatures that give us hours of enjoyment and pleasure when the circus comes to town! Oh, and don't forget the clowns!



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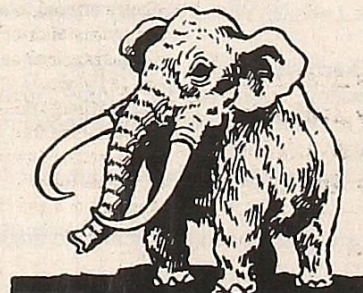
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Obituaries

Billy M. McCraight

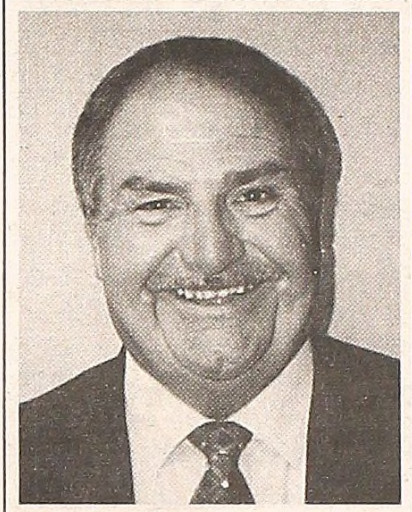
Billy M. McCraight of Lake, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, May 17, 2006, at the age of 68.

The native of New Boston (Huron Township), Michigan, was born on Wednesday, June 9, 1937.

McCraight – who previously resided in Romulus, Michigan – was a well-known figure in his former community, where he served as a member of the Romulus Board of Education from 1999 to 2003. The US Army veteran had been active in a number of organizations, including the Boys Scouts of America and Little League, as well as the Rotary, Eagles, Dixie, and Rod & Gun clubs. He especially enjoyed camping, fishing, golf, old cars, and puzzles.

Surviving McCraight are his wife, Leota (Martin) McCraight; a son, Socrates (Terrie) McCraight (Romulus); a daughter, Sherell (Mark A.) Pyszko (Romulus); a brother, Alexander McCraight (Romulus); 2 sisters, Nody Daunt (Schwartz Creek, MI) and Myrt Boll (Westland, MI); 5 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Among those who preceded him in passing were his parents, Allie and



Billy M. McCraight

Lillian (Wienkauf) McCraight; a daughter and son-in-law, Kellie and Danny Leffler; a brother; and 3 sisters.

A funeral service was held on Monday, May 22, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus) officiating. Cremation rites were accorded.

Memorial tributes to the American Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated by the McCraight family.

John A. Brown

John A. Brown of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, May 18, 2006, at the age of 72.

The native of Detroit, Michigan, was born on Wednesday, January 3, 1934.

John – a veteran of the US Army and Coast Guard – retired from General Motors in 1992. He was a genuine family man who enjoyed spending time with his loved ones at home. John had great expertise in landscaping and gardening, and especially liked to grow tomatoes to share with family and friends. Other interests included flags, decorating, and an occasional visit to a casino.

Surviving John are his wife, Janet (Abernathy) Block Brown; 2 sons, John

(Kathy) Brown (Britton, MI) and Matthew (Rachel) Brown (Mattawan, MI); a stepdaughter, Marjorie Bergman; a stepson, Thomas (Barbara) Block (Romulus); a sister, Jean; and 2 granddaughters, Sumer and Sarah Brown.

Among those who preceded him in passing were his parents, John and Walter (Pendleton) Brown, and a stepson, Robert E. Block.

A funeral service was held on Monday, May 22, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend Dr. Geoffrey G. Drutches (St. Paul United Church of Christ, Taylor, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Mary M. Solo

Mary M. Solo of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Friday, May 19, 2006, at the age of 96.

She was born in Passaic, New Jersey, on Monday, May 2, 1910.

Mary is survived by her caregivers, grandson John Otter (Byron, MI) and nephew Fred Meister (Canton, MI), as well as 10 step-grandchildren and 11 step-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents, John and Mary (Blesinger) Meister;

her husband, Clifford F. Solo (who passed away on October 23, 1983); 2 stepdaughters, Dorothy Otter and Carol Dillon; 2 brothers, John and Michael Meister; and a sister, Ann Meister.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, May 24, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). □

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